



**Human Services Committee
March 12, 2015
Senate Bill 1044 – Support**

Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie, and members of the Human Services Committee:

I write in support of Senate Bill 1044.

I've been a licensed family child care provider for 30 years, and I've seen it all. Parents today have so much on their plates! And even though the papers say that the recession is over, I don't see that in the faces of the parents and children who use my services. When I hear how much they get paid and how many hours they have to work, it makes me hug their children all the more. I believe everyone should pay their fair share, especially when it comes to the needs of children.

It is my understanding that SB1044 would place a tax on big businesses that have more than 500 employees and pay those employees less than \$15 per hour. This money would go to the services that these same employees need to stay employed, like health care and child care. I would like to see better programs for parents and providers, but we need money to do that. If SB 1044 puts the money in the right places, it could be a real win for low-income families.

Please vote yes on SB1044.

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